

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Atty. Dkt. 608-326

Sir:

Date: December 14, 2001

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

REDUCTION IN MINERAL SALT DEPOSITION

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract

35 pages of specification and claims (including 24 numbered claims), and

8 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number

Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

9914398.4

Great Britain

22 June 1999

PCT/GB00/02368

19 June 2000

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

☒ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a ☒ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. PCT/GB00/02368, filed 19 June 2000, _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to _____

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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☐ See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!!

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